

ing, and permanent home, an adoptive family can provide the most important ingredient in a child's life—love.

This Thanksgiving week, families across America will gather to give thanks to God for the blessings we all enjoy as individuals and as a Nation. Children who have no permanent families, who are waiting to be adopted, may not have as much to be thankful for this year. At this happy time of family celebration, we must not forget the children for whom the affection of a family remains only a dream.

These children have so much to offer. They deserve our best efforts to remove the public and private barriers to their adoption into permanent, loving families. We must reach out to the many Americans who long for children to love, and we must find homes for the thousands of children who are waiting for adoptive parents to take them into their lives and into their hearts. And we must also acknowledge the unselfish sacrifice made by many birth parents to ensure a better life for their child.

Every effort should be made to inform the public and prospective parents that there are many thousands of children available for adoption. We must involve the media, private and public agencies, adoptive parents, advocacy groups, civic and church groups, and businesses. We must ask them to provide publicity and information to heighten community awareness of the crucial needs of these children and of all those who work tirelessly to place them in loving families.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the week of November 21, 1993, and the week of November 20, 1994, as National Adoption Week. I call upon all Americans to observe these weeks with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-three, and of the Independ-

ence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighteenth.

William J. Clinton

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Message to the Congress Transmitting the Report of the Caribbean Basin Initiative

November 24, 1993

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith the first report of the operation of the Caribbean Basin Initiative. This report is prepared pursuant to the requirements of section 214 of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Expansion Act of 1990 (19 U.S.C. 2702(f)).

William J. Clinton

The White House,
November 24, 1993.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

November 20

In the morning, the President attended meetings with APEC leaders at the Tillicum Village Lodge on Blake Island in Seattle, WA. Following a working lunch hosted by the President, they resumed their meetings until the late afternoon.

In the early evening, the President traveled to San Francisco, CA, and in the late evening, he traveled to Pasadena, CA, where he remained overnight.